

Date: August 23, 2006

To: Chairman Randolph, and Commissioners Blair, Downey, Huguenin and Remy

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to you prior to the last Commission meeting.

A. PERSONNEL & BUDGET

Enforcement Division Chief John Appelbaum has informed us that he will be returning to the Department of Justice in September. In just over a year, John has put together a highly qualified staff of investigators and attorneys who have made improvements to the enforcement division's systems and kept cases moving. We thank John for his dedication and devotion to the enforcement mission and wish him well in his return to the Department of Justice.

We are pleased to announce the addition of Beth Manwaring as an Executive Secretary in the Enforcement Division. She previously worked at CalPERS and the State Compensation Insurance Fund, and has extensive experience in the legal field.

Attached to this report is a spreadsheet updating the status of Strategic Plan goals and objectives.

A. STAFF PROJECTS

Technical Assistance Division staff was very busy in July and August, providing conflict-of-interest-code seminars in Palo Alto, Bakersfield and Sacramento; campaign filing officer seminars in Westminster and Irvine; candidate/treasurer seminars in Apple Valley, Westminster, Irvine, Pittsburg, San Diego, Sacramento, San Luis Obispo, San Jose, Simi Valley and Santa Monica; campaign outreaches in Yuba County, Yountville and Orinda; and an SEI filing officer outreach in Solano County.

The Communications Office handled a high volume of press inquiries in July and August, and assisted in the posting of advice letters on the Commission's website pursuant to the Commission's Strategic Plan. The office was also of great assistance in pulling together information packets for a group of visitors from the People's Republic of China who attended a panel discussion jointly presented by the Office of Administrative Hearings and Commission staff regarding the adjudication of administrative law cases in California.

C. CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES

Code Adoptions and Amendments: Pursuant to Government Code section 87300 and Commission regulation 18750.1, state and multi-county agencies seeking to adopt or substantively amend a conflict-of-interest code must submit the proposed code to the Commission for review and approval. The Technical Assistance Division has reviewed and, since the last agenda, I have approved the following conflict-of-interest codes:

Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District
Department of Motor Vehicles, State of California
Roseville Joint Union High School District

D. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

There were none.

E. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

Vargas 2000 Committee (990989) A request to re-open the committee to receive contributions and pay administrative penalties and legal expenses incurred in connection with FPPC enforcement case number 01/699 was granted. The committee must terminate within 30 days of paying the penalties and expenses.

Tony Strickland for Assembly (962605) A request for an extension of time to terminate the committee was granted until January 27, 2007.

Team Noel 1998 Committee (980051) A request for an extension of time to terminate the committee was granted until September 1, 2006.

Mark Leyes for Assembly (1232304) A request for an extension of time to terminate the committee was granted until January 12, 2007.